

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1002

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to recognize Jacob Armistead and Alec Jakalski,
Scouts of the Year.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young men and women with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Armistead and Alec Jakalski of Wilson County are two standout Scouts who have both been named Scout of the Year by the Middle Tennessee Council; and

WHEREAS, the Scout of the Year honor is bestowed upon those who have demonstrated exceptional Scout spirit, leadership, heroism, and community service or citizenship; though the council typically selects one young person as Scout of the Year, Mr. Armistead and Mr. Jakalski were each so deserving that an exception was made to recognize them both; and

WHEREAS, the two young men have also been asked to deliver the Scout's Annual Report to the State of Tennessee on February 28, 2022, continuing a twenty-two-year tradition; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their commitment to and stellar record of Scouting, Jacob Armistead and Alec Jakalski recently proved themselves heroes of the highest order when, on August 21, 2021, they risked their own lives to save others who were in danger during a perilous flooding event; and

WHEREAS, while camping with family at the Piney River Resort in Hickman County, the two young men awoke early in the morning to find that the Piney River had crested its banks

after a torrential rainfall, and they spotted three senior citizen campers trapped in the flood water; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Armistead and Alec Jakalski sprang to action, saving the three fellow campers, as well as two canine lives, during a natural disaster that ultimately claimed the lives of twenty individuals; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Armistead is an Eagle Scout and member of Troop 341; ever prepared to lend a hand, he is a senior and a Lieutenant in the JROTC at Wilson Central High School. Upon graduation, he plans to attend the University of Tennessee to study nuclear science; and

WHEREAS, Alec Jakalski is a Life Scout and member of Troop 2015; a confident leader, he is a senior and a Second-Class Petty Officer in JROTC at Wilson Central High School. Upon graduating, he plans to attend Cumberland University en route to Middle Tennessee State University to study global communications; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Mr. Armistead and Mr. Jakalski as two of the most outstanding young people in our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Jacob Armistead and Alec Jakalski, Scouts of the Year, and extend to these exceptional young men our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.